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25th Congress, 2d Session. [Rep. No. 711.] Ho. of Reps.

CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS.

March 21, 1838.
Read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred a resolution of this House, instructing them "to inquire into the expediency of reviving the provisions of the act granting bounty lands and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers, approved the 5th of March, 1816, and an act to amend said act, approved 3d March, 1817," have had the same under consideration, and report:

That, by the act of the 5th of March, 1816, all such persons as had been citizens of the United States anterior to the late war, and were, at its commencement, inhabitants of the Province of Canada, and who, during the said war, joined the armies of the United States as volunteers, and were slain, died in service, or continued therein till honorably discharged, were entitled to the following quantities of land respectively, to wit: each colonel 960 acres; each major 800 acres; each captain 640 acres; each subaltern officer to 480 acres; each non-commissioned officer, musician, or private to 320 acres; and, in addition thereto, three months' additional pay, according to the rank they respectively held in the army of the United States during the late war.

That, by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, the quantity of land allowed by the original act was reduced about one-half, and the operation of the original and amended acts was limited to one year from the date last mentioned.

The question submitted to the committee is, Ought Congress to revive those laws? The committee think not. No complaint has been made by any person who was entitled to the benefits of those acts, that, from any unforseen cause, he was prevented from availing himself of the benefits of their provisions.

The committee are of opinion that the acts referred to by the resolution ought not to be revived; and they pray to be discharged from any further consideration of the same.

Thomas Allen, print.

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